THE

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORTER.

No. 397.] PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 25, 1864. [Vol. XI.—No. 26.

Original Department.

Medical Societies.

AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting, held at New York, June 7th, 8th and 9th, 1864.

Tuesday, June 7th.

Morning Session.

Conformable to regulations, the Association convened on the seventh day of June, 1864, in Irving Hall, and at 11 o'clock, A. M., was called to order by the President, Alden March, M.D., LL.D., of Albany, N. Y., sustained by Vice Presidents, Drs. James Couper of Delaware, David Prince of Illinois, and Christian C. Cox of Maryland.

The Senior Secretary, Dr. Hosmer A. Johnson of Chicago, Illinois, and the local Secretary of the City of New York, were likewise present.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. De Witt of the City of New York.

After which Dr. James Anderson, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements addressed the members present in terms of welcome and presented the following report:

Mr. President and Delegates to the American Medical Association.

Gentlemen:—In the discharge of the duty devolved upon me as Chairman of your Committee of Arrangements, it affords me great pleasure on this, the fifteenth anniversary of the Association, in behalf of your committee as well as the profession in general, to extend to you a cordial welcome. This organization whose germ was first developed in the Medical Society of the State of New York, was perfected on the seventh of May, 1847, by the election of the venerable Dr. Nathaniel Chapman of Philadelphia as its first President, since which time its meetings have been held in nearly all the prominent cities of our country. Its sole object has ever been the elevation of the dignity and usefulness of the profession, in the endeavor to obtain which it becomes us individually as well as collectively, by our advice and example, to stimulate each other to higher attainments, and by our conduct to command respect. It is now eleven years since your last meeting in this city, around which occasion cluster many pleasant reminiscences, saddened only by the absence of some of the brightest names among your ranks, who have passed to their silent resting-place—names which gave dignity to your body and wisdom to your counsels. Your Committee of Arrangements, in due time after their appointment in Chicago, organized and invited a representation from the hospitals, colleges, and medical societies of this city and Brooklyn, for the purpose of eliciting a united expression and procuring a more extensive and general welcome to this national reunion, and have matured such plans as it is hoped will render your stay both instructive and interesting. Guide-books will be furnished to each delegate, with a programme comprising a variety of intellectual as well as social amusements. Among the institutions which have sprung up since your former visit may be noticed St. Luke's Hospital, on the Fifth Avenue, with a full and efficient medical staff; also a medical college under the auspices of the Commissioners of Charities and Corrections, and in connection with the Bellevue Hospital and Almshouse; and in time, through the liberal bequest of the late Mr. Roosevelt, a third hospital will be added to the list. There is a feature, Mr. President, in your present assembling, of deep interest and solemn regret. I allude to that profound silence of several, and the diminished response of other States, which will appear upon the calling of the roll. It would not be proper on this occasion, nor becoming the circumstances under which I appear before you, to allude to its cause. Let us trust, however, that, through the interposition of an all-wise and overruling Providence, the time is not far distant when we may again offer to our alienated brethren the hand of professional fellowship which it is our privilege to extend to you this day. I again welcome you all to this metropolis.

On motion, the report was received and adopted. Dr. Anderson, on behalf of the Committee, suggested that the Association should hold two daily sessions during its present sitting, one in the morning from ten to half-past one o'clock, P. M.; and one in the afternoon; commencing at three o'clock, to continue until such time as was the pleasure of the body to adjourn.

On motion, the suggestion was ordered to be embodied in the report.

The roll-call being next in order, the Secretary proceeded to read the names of all such as were registered. The roll having been read, it appeared that the United States Army and Navy, the District of Columbia and eighteen States were represented.

The annexed list comprises the names of all permanent members, delegates, and members by invitation in attendance during the session:

Connecticut.—Drs. Rufus Baker, Central Medical Association of Middlesex county; T. Beers Townsend, Connecticut General Hospital; S. C. Preston, Hartford County Medical Society; George B. Hawley, Hartford Hospital, J. G. Beckwith, Henry M. Knight, J. W. Phelps, Litchfield County Medical Society; Worthington Hooker, Medical Department of Yale College, Minor C. Hazens, Albert B. Worthington, Middlesex County Medical Society, Lucius N. Beardsley, William B. De Forest, Stephen G. Hubbard, Levi Ives, Alvan Talcott, David A. Tyler, B. H. Catlin, R. F. Stillman, New Haven County Medical Society; Henry W. E. Matthews, New Haven Medical Association; Charles L. Ives, New Haven City Medical Association; George E. Palmer, Ashbel Woodward, New London County Medical Society; H. N. Bennett, State Medical Society; Edwin A. Hill, John McGregor, Windham County Medical Society; Sheldon Beardsley, Ralph Deming, Jonathan Knight, Samuel S. Noyes, James Welch, Permanent Members.

Delaware.—Drs. H. F. Askew, James E. Clawson, James Couper, R. S. W. Hirons, State Medical Society.

District of Columbia.—Drs. Richard C. Croggon; W. J. C. Duhamel, D. R. Hagner, Flodoardo Howard, J. W. H. Lovejoy, James E. Morgan, J. M. Toner, District Medical Society; John C. Riley, National Medical College, Noble Young, Silas L. Loomis, Medical Department of Georgetown College.

Illinois.—Drs. M. F. Bassett, Adams County Medical Society, Hosmer A. Johnson, Chicago Medical College; Alexander Fisher, M. O. Heydock, Charles G. Smith, Chicago Medical Society; E. Andrews, Mercy Hospital, Cook county; Nathan S. Davis, N. C. Hamill, A. L. McArthur, Richard E. McVey, David Prince, Jos. P. Ross, Neh. Wright, State Medical Society.

Indiana.—Drs. H. G. Cary, Indianapolis Medical Association; Jas. F. Hibbard, State Medical Society.

Iowa.—Drs. A. T. McCurdy, David L. McGugin, Medical Department, Iowa University; Thomas J. Iles, J. J. Tomson, Scott County Medical Society; M. K. Taylor, Permanent Member.

Maine.—Drs. George H. Chadwick, Charles Hutchinson, S. H. Tewksbury, James C. Weston, Maine Medical Association; David S. Conant, Maine Medical School.

Maryland.—E. C. Baldwin, Thomas E. Bond, C. C. Cox, F. E. B. Hintze, O. S. Mahon G. E. Morgan, Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland.

Massachusetts.—Drs. H. H. Childs, W. Warren Green, Berkshire Medical College; Nathan S. Babbitt, Henry L. Sabin, Berkshire County Medical Society; Daniel T. Coit, George N. Thomson, Boston Medical Association; Thomas H. Hoskiss, Boston Society of Medical Observation; Henry W. Williams, City Hospital of Boston; Oliver S. Lovejoy, Essex North District Medical Association, John Witter, Hamden Medical Society; W. M. Trow, Hampshire County Medical Society; G. Kimball, Lowell Hospital; George Atwood, John R. Bronson, Henry Clarke, George D. Colong, Perry F. Daggett, C. C. Field, John Green, Benjamin F. Heywood, Alfred Lambert, Alfred Livingston, Lebbeus E. March, S. P. Martin, Alfred Miller, Erasmus D. Miller, James M. Nye, J. W. D. Osgood, Edward A. Perkins, Thaddeus Phelps, Jefferson Pratt, Chenery Puffer, Martin Root, Joel Spalding, Francis J. Stevens, Ashman H. Taylor, Stephen Tracy, Benjamin H. Tripp, George A. Ward, Charles W. Whitcomb, Massachusetts State Medical Society; Augustus Mason, Harlin H. Pillsbury, John L. Sullivan, jr., Middlesex South District Medical Society; Horatio R. Storer, New England Hospital for Women and Children; Howard F. Damon, Hasket Derby, John H. Dix, George Fabyan, Alfred C. Garratt, John W. Graves, John Green, Robert Grier, Adino B. Hall, John F. Jarvis, Horace Richardson, A. D. Sinclair, Francis P. Sprague, Duman M. B. Thaxter, Suffolk District Medical Society; Allen C. Fay, Thurber Medical Association; Joseph N. Bates, Dr. S. Fisk, H. A. Jewett, Worcester District Medical Society; S. G. Burnap, B. J. Jeffries, Almon M. Orcutt: Joseph Sargent, Permanent Members.

Michigan.—Drs. E. H. Van Dusen, Michigan Asylum for the Insane; A. E. Leete, Philo Tillson, C. M. Stockwell, North Eastern District Medical and Scientific Association; Samuel G. Armor, University of Michigan; Homer O. Hitchcock, A. B. Palmer. Permanent Members.

Missouri.—Dr. G. W. Phillips, St. Louis Medical Society.

New Hampshire.—Drs. Geo. A. Crosby, Thos. H. Marshall, John L. Swett, New Hampshire State Medical Society; Saml. G. Jarvis, Connecticut River Valley Medical Association; Albert Smith, New Hampshire Medical Institution; Geo. S. Grove, White Mountains Medical Society.

New Jersey.—Drs. Henry R. Baldwin, John Blane, A. B. Dayton, S. M. Disbrow, Wm. Elmer, J. S. English, E. M. Hunt, S. H. Pennington, L. A. Smith, Stephen Wickes, Medical Society of the State of New Jersey; George Goodell, Medical Society for the County of Burlington; Richard C. Dean, Camden City Medical Society; Abram. Coles, Loth Southard, Medical Society for the County of Essex; J. Albert Corwin, Essex County Medical Union; Romeo F. Chabert, Theo. R. Varick, Medical Society for the County of Hudson; Nath. B. Boileau, J. A. Gray, Medical Society for the County of Hunterdon; J. E. Arrowsmith, R. R. Conover, John Cooke, Edward Taylor, T. J. Thomason, Medical Society for the County of Monmouth; W. B. Ribble, Medical Society for the County of Somerset; Thomas Ryerson, Medical Society for the County of Sussex; Geo. D. Fitch, Medical Society for the County of Warren; Alex. W. Rodgers, Permanent Member.

New York.—Drs. R. L. Allin, T. W. Blatchford, Thos. C. Brinsmade, Henry A. Carrington, Darwin Colvin, C. M. Crandall, A. F. Doolittle, William Govan, Elisha Harris, N. C. Husted, Jas. M. Miner, John Ordronaux, A. L. Saunders, B. P. Staats, Philander Stewart, John Swinburne, Wm. Taylor, D. G. Thomas, Alexander Thompson, Andrew Van Dyck, Oliver White, Aug. Willard, S. D. Willard, Medical Society of the State of New York; John V. Lansing, Albany County Medical Society; J. H. Armsby, J. V. P. Quackenbush, Albany Medical College; E. M. Alba, Allegany County Medical Society; Alf. L. Loomis, Bellevue Hospital; Isaac E. Taylor, Bellevue Hospital Medical College; Irving W. Lyon, Russ B. Brownell, Bellevue Hospital Medical Union; John G. Orton, Binghamton Academy of Medicine; Danl. E. Kissam, H. S. Smith, Brooklyn City Hospital; J. H. H. Burge, Brooklyn Medico Chirurgical Society; E. G. Crafti, William Voorhees, Broome County Medical Society; Julius F. Miner, C. C. Wyckoff, Buffalo General Hospital; Thos. F. Rochester, Buffalo Hospital, Sisters of Charity; J. Whitaker, Buffalo Medical Association; J. K. Stanchfield, Wm. C. Wey, Chemung County Medical Society; Wm. H. Beardsley, E. S. Lyman, Evander Odell, Chenango County Medical Society; Edward Delafield, Jos. M. Smith, College of Physicians and Surgeons; A. D. Reed, Cortlandville Medical Society; Almiron Fitch, Delaware County Medical Society; Leon F. Harvey, Erie County Medical Society; Jas. E. Casey, Eli Fox, Herkimer County Medical Society; A. J. Henriques, Jews' Hospital, N. Y. City; H. L. Bartlett, A. N. Bell, Richd. M. Buell, J. Byrne, William Gilfillan, Robert Ormiston, Wm. W. Reese, S. F. Spier, A. D. Willson, Kings County Medical Society; Wm. H. Dudley, Austin Flint, Jr., Long Island College Hospital; V. M. Mason, F. W. Root, Madison County Medical Society; E. N. Colt, N. L. North, Medical Association, Eastern District of Brooklyn; Wm. H. Mason, Jas. P. White, Medical Department, University of Buffalo; Richd. J. O. Sullivan, Medical Society, Eastern Dispensary, N. Y. City; Douglas Bly, J. F. Whittick, Monroe County Medical Society; B. L. Delano, Niagara County Medical Society; James Anderson, Jas. L. Banks, Galen Carter, Jas. W. G. Clements, Austin Flint, Joel Foster, John P. Garrish, John H. Hinton, Ed. H. Janes, James O. Pond, John O. Stone, John L. Vandervoort, John R. Van Kleek, Moses D. Van Pelt, Isaac Wood, James R. Wood, New York Academy of Medicine; C. R. Agnew, Wm. N. Blakeman, James L. Brown, Henry D. Bulkley, Jas. J. Connolly, Jos. S. Crane, H. S. Downs, Benj. Drake, Louis Elsberg, J. O. Farrington, John Hart, Chas. Henschel, S. T. Hubbard, James Kennedy, Jonathan S. Lawrence, Jonas P. Loines, J. King Merritt, Moreau Morris, Edmund R. Peaslee, Saml. R. Percy, S. Hanbury Smith, Wm. H. Thomson, Alf. Underhill, New York County Medical Society; John H. Griscom, Willard Parker, New York Hospital; Godfrey Aigner, New York Dispensary; Henry D. Noyes, New York Eye Infirmary; Thos. B. Stirling, New York Lying-in Asylum; Horace P. Farnham, Jos. A. Monell, New York Medical Association; Cyrus Ramsay, J. W. Rich-

ards, Joseph Worster, New York Medico Chirurgical College; W. F. Holcomb. Benjamin J. Raphael, New York Medical College; John G. Adams, Gurdon Buck, Abraham DuBois, New York Medical and Surgical Society; Mark Blumenthal, E. L. Jones, New York Medical Union; Ebenezer McFarlan, Marcus P. Stephenson, New York Opthalmic Hospital; Wm. B. Bibbins, Ellsworth Eliot, Frank H. Hamilton, Abraham Jacobi, Ernst Krackowizer, Jas. L. Little, H. B. Sands, Lewis A. Sayre, Geo. F. Shrady, J. Lewis Smith, Lothar Voss, New York Pathological Society; John Dwyer, Hermann Guleke, New York State Emigrant Hospital; Thos. A. Emmett, New York Woman's Hospital; Leonard Weber, Northern Dispensary, City of New York; H. Mortimer Brush, Northeastern Dispensary, City of New York; Wm. H. Carmalt, Northwestern Dispensary, City of New York; H. N. Whittlesey, Nursery Hospital, City of New York; B. F. Barker, Obstetrical Society, City of New York; D. P. Bissell, S. G. Wolcott, H. N. Porter, M. C. West, J. V. Cobb, Wm. Russell, Oneida County Medical Society; Hiram Adams, Alex. J. Dallas, H. D. Didamus, J. P. Dunlap, Jonathan Kneeland, Onandago County Medical Society; A. G Crittenden, Carrey Jewett, J. W. Palmer, L. F. Wilbur, Ontario County Medical Society; Wm. P. Townsend, Orange County Medical Society; L. Stevens, T. J. Green, Oswego County Medical Society; John R. Leaning, Otsego County Medical Society; Theodore Walser, Quarantine Hospital, Staten Island; Samuel Tredwell, Queen's County Medical Society; Isaac Lea, Richmond County Medical Society; B A. Clemente, Sylvester Teats, St. Joseph's U. S. A. General Hospital, New York City; Geo. A. Peters, St. Luke's Hospital, New York City; Edward M. Moore, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester; John Lynch, St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City; L. H. Allen, Tioga County Medical Society; Sumner Rhodes, Tompkins County Medical Society; Reuben Blawis, Jas. Ferguson, Jas. Lee, Alf. J. Long, Tabor B. Reynolds, Union Medical Association of Saratoga. Washington and Warren Counties; Chas. A. Budd, Alf. C. Post, University Medical College, New York City; Alex. B. Mott, G. M. Smith, U. S. A. General Hospital, New York City; J. P. H. Deming, Chas. G. Pomeroy, Samuel Weed, Wagner County Medical Society; Jas. Hart Curry, Geo J. Fisher, C. W. Haight, G. W. Hodgson, Peter Moulton, Lewis F. Pelton, Westchester County Medical Society; Chas. M. Allen, W. C. Anderson, Edward S. F. Arnold, Chas. G. Bacon, E. L. Beadle, E. N. Chapman, Tim. Childs, Alonzo Clark, Jas. S. Cooper, Hiram Corliss, C. B. Coventry, E. H. Davis, W. R. Donaghe, Dewitt C. Enos, Thos. C. Finnell, Levi Folsom, S. C. Foster, Norman K. Freeman, S. H. French, Guido Furman, A. K. Gardener, Horatio Gomez, Caleb Green, Horace Green, J. W. Greene, Samuel Hart, Joseph C. Hutchinson, Charles A Lee, Alden March, T. M. Markoe. T. L. Mason, James McNaughton, P. V. N. Morris, S. S. Purple, Seth Shove, Jerome C. Smith, E. R. Squibb, Wm. W. Strew, Jas. M. Sturdevant, Howard Townsend, Jas. D. Trask, E. B. Warner, Robert Watts, H. W. B. Woodhull, Permanent Members.

Ohio.—Drs. J. C. Brown, Champaign County Medical Society; Jas. H. Buckner, Thos. Carroll, G. A. Doherty, Geo. Mendenhall, W. H. Mussey, Cincinnati Academy of Medicine; Abel Carey, Robt. M. Denig, Geo. Fries, J. W. Hamilton, B. B Leonard, Robt. Thompson, Ohio State Medical Sobiety; Theo. G. Wormley, Starling Medical College; W. W. Jones, Toledo Medical Association; K. G. Thomas, Permanent Member.

Pennsylvania.- Drs. E. P. Allen, D. L. Beaver, Andrew Nebinger, Medical Society of the State of Penna.; John Fay, Wm. R Findley, Blair County Medical Society; E. A Everitt, D. Holmes, Bradford County Medical Society; B. M. Collins, R. J. Linderman, G. R. McCoy, Bucks County Medical Society; Jacob Price, Benjamin Thompson, Chester County Medical Society; J. B. Luden, Sidney Thompson, Huntingdon County Medical Society; S. W. Butler, Insane Department Philadelphia Hospital, C H. Hunter, Frank Reiser, Edward Wallace, Medical Society, City of Reading and County of Bucks; David D. Richardson, Northern Dispensary of Philadelphia; J. S. Cohen, Owen Osler, J. H. Smaltz, Northern Medical Association of Philadelphia; Amos Seip, Northampton County Medical Society; Jas. J. Levick, Thos. Geo. Morton, Pennsylvania Hospital; Chas. S. Boker, Philadelphia Charity Hospital, J. M. DaCosta, A H. Fish, J. H. Hutchinson, W. D. Stroud, Philadelphia College of Physicians; H. St. Clair Ash, L P. Gebhard, N. L. Hatfield, Wilson Jewell, Wm. L. Knight, Wm. Mayberry, Benj. Phister, Jr., Winthrop Sargent, Sam'l N. Troth, Philadelphia County Medical Society; Edwin Scholfield, Philadelphia Hospital; Jas. Cummiskey, C. Percy La Roche, Rena La Roche, R. W. Richie, Henry Yale Smith, Philadelphia Medical Society; Ezra Dyer, Philadelphia Pathological Society; Calvin H. Halsey, Latham A. Smith, Susquehanna County Medical Society; R. E. Rogers, University of Pennsylvania; James W. Kerr, John E. Todd, Caspar Wister, Permanent Members.

Rhode Island. S. Aug. Arnold, Ariel S. Ballou, Otis Bullock, Johnson Gardner, Job Kenyon, Joseph Mauran, Rhode Island State Medical Society; Wm. Owen Brown, F. H. Peckham, Providence Medical Association: Sylvanus Clapp, Lewis L. Miller, Usher Parsons, Permanent Members.

Wisconsin.—H. Van Dusen, Wisconsin State Medical Society; J. R. Bartlett, Milwaukie Infirmary; Homer Adams, Permanent Member.

Vermont.—Chas. S. Downes, Lewis Emmons, Oscar F. Fassett, E. A. Knight, N. H. Knowles, Joseph N. Stiles, Vermont State Medical Society; H. D Holton, Benj F. Ketchum, Wm McCollom, L. L. Simons, Connecticut River Valley Medical Association.

Medical Department U. S. Army.—Drs. Chas. S. Tripler, Horace R. Wirtz, Thos. Antisell.

Medical Department U. S. Navy—Drs. Chas. Eversfield, Edward Shippen, Thos. L. Smith, B. F. Bache.

The following named gentlemen were invited to seats as members by invitation:—

Drs. Eli Whitney Blake, Post Hospital, U. S. Draft Rendezvous, New Haven, Connecticut; H. H. Gregory, W. Housel, C. C. Knight, H. H. Lyman, Daul. E. McSweeney, W. H. Neye, J. H. Saunders, N. Y.

Member by Election.—Dr. E. Brown Sequard, Cambridge, Mass.

On motion of Surgeon C. C. Cox, of Maryland, Dr. Chas. S. Tripler, Surgeon U. S. A., was invited to a seat on the platform.

It was then moved that a recess of ten minutes be taken to afford the members an opportunity to elect the Nominating Committee. which was carried.

In accordance with the resolution the following named members were, in proper time, reported as such Committee:—

B. H. Catlin, M. D., Connecticut; Henry F. Askew, M. D., Delaware; Noble Young, M. D., Dist. of Columbia; W. H Byford, M. D., Illinois; Jas. F. Hibbard, M. D., Indiana. A. E. McCurdy, M. D., Iowa; J. C. Weston, M. D., Maine; F. E. B. Hintze, M. D., Maryland; Horatio R. Storer, M. D., Mass.; S. G. Armor, M. D., Michigan; Geo. W. Phillips, M. D., Missouri; Thos. D. Marshall, M. D., New Hampshire; L. A. White, M. D., New Jersey; Jas. P. White, M. D., New York; B. B. Leonard, M. D. Ohio; A. Nebinger, M. D., Pennsylvania; Johnson Gardner, M. D., Rhode Island; J. K. Bartlett, M. D., Wisconsin; J. N. Stiles, M. D., Vermont; Thos. Antisell, M. D, U S. A.; Thos. L. Smith, M. D., U. S. N.

The Committee retired, and the President, Alden March, M. D., LL.D., delivered his retiring address as President of the Association.

Dr. Wilson Jewell, of Pennsylvania, moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to Dr. March for his able and interesting address, and that he be requested to furnish a copy for publication in the Association's Transactions, which motion was carried unanimously.

A motion to reconsider the hour of afternoon meetings from three to four o'clock, was brought up but after debate was lost.

On motion the Association then adjourned till 3 P. M.

Tuesday. *Afternoon Session.*

At 3 o'clock the Association was called to order by the President. The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and approved. The roll of registered members was next read. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following partial report:—

Officers for the Ensuing Year.

President, Nathan S. Davis, M. D., of Illinois.

Vice-Presidents, Wm. H. Mussey, M. D., Ohio; Worthington Hooker, M. D., Connecticut; Wm. Wheelan, U. S. N.; F. E. B. Hintze, M. D., Maryland.

Treasurer, Caspar Wister, M. D., Pa.

Secretary, Guido Furman, M. D., N. Y.

And recommended Boston, Mass., as the place for holding the next regular meeting.

On motion the report was accepted.

Dr. Raphael, of New York, moved that the report of the Committee on Nomination be re-committed, and it be required to nominate, at least, two candidates for the presidency, to be elected by ballot, and the person receiving the majority of all the votes cast, to be declared elected.

Dr. Griscom, of New York, moved that the amendment to the Constitution, authorizing the present occupant of the chair to preside during the deliberation of this body, at the present meeting, be adopted. Which was lost.

Dr. Palmer, of Michigan, moved that the report presented by the Nominating Committee be adopted.

The previous question on Dr. Raphael's motion to re-commit the report being moved by Dr. Jewell, of Pennsylvania, and sustained by the House. The vote was then taken and lost.

Dr. Palmer's motion to adopt the report of the Committee, was now put and carried.

Whereupon Dr. Griscom moved that a committee be appointed to escort the newly elected President and Vice-Presidents to their respective seats. Which was carried.

The President appointed as such committee to escort the President elect to the chair, Drs. Askew, of Delaware, and Bissell, of New York.

As an escort for the Vice-Presidents, Drs. Hubbard, of Connecticut; Palmer, of Michigan; Morgan, of Maryland; and Jewell, of Pennsylvania.

The new officers having taken their respective seats, Dr. N. S. Davis, tendered his thanks for the honor conferred upon him, and asked of the members their kind co-operation in his endeavors to perform the duties devolving upon him.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements stated that invitations were extended to the members to visit the following places:—U. S. Navy Yard, Brooklyn; Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn; Collegiate and Polytechnic Institute; Long Island College Hospital; U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn; U. S. Soldiers' Depot, N. Y.

On motion the invitations were accepted, and thanks therefor returned.

The following gentlemen were announced as members by invitation:—Drs. Ed. M. Stein, G. R. Brush, P. H. Barton, D. McSweeny, H. H. Gregory, Elisha Harris, C. E. Knight, E. W. Blacke, W. Housel, W. H. Nye, J. H. Saunders, H. H. Lyman, Benjamin De Witt.

On motion they were unanimously elected.

The President appointed, as the Special Committeee to examine all voluntary communications, Drs. A. B. Palmer, of Michigan; H. F Askew, of Delaware; and S. G. Hubbard, of Connecticut.

It was moved that the regular order of business be suspended, and that the proposed amendments of the Constitution be taken up. Which was carried, and the following amendment introduced:—

Amendment of the Constitution in Relation to Permanent Secretary.

It is hereby ordained that Article 4, Sec. 1, of the Constitution be amended as follows:—From the second line strike out the words "two Secretaries," and insert "one Permanent and one Assistant Secretary;" and in the fifth line after the word "officer," insert the words "except the Permanent Secretary;" also add to the same section the following: "the Permanent Secretary shall hold his appointment for ten years, unless sooner removed by death, resignation, or a vote of two-thirds of the members present at a regular annual meeting."

And be it further ordained that Section 5 of the same article be stricken out, and the following substituted in its place, viz.: "The Permanent Secretary shall record the minutes and authenticate the proceedings, give due notice of the time and place of each next ensuing annual meeting; notify all members of committees of their appointment and of the duties assigned to them; hold correspondence with other permanently organized Medical Societies both domestic and foreign; serve as a member of the Committee on Publication; see that the published Transactions are promptly distributed to all the members who have paid their annual assessment, and carefully preserve the Archives and unpublished Transactions of the Association.

The Assistant Secretary shall aid the Permanent Secretary in recording and authenticating the proceedings of the Association; serve as a member of the Committee of Arrangements, and perform all the duties of Permanent Secretary temporarily, whenever that office shall be vacant either by death, resignation or removal.

And be it further ordained that Article 6, Section 2, be amended by adding after the word "*meetings*" in the second line the following, viz.: "including the necessary expenses of the Permanent Secretary in attending the regular meetings and maintaining the *necessary* correspondence of the Association."

After reading the amendments, Dr. Jewell, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out from the last clause the words "*attending the regular meetings and*—" Which motion was adopted.

On motion of Dr. Nebinger, of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, To strike out the word "*ten*" and substitute for it "*five*." Which was lost.

On motion of Dr. Griscom, of New York.

Resolved, To strike out *all* that portion which relates to a *specified term of years*.

The previous question being called for and sustained. The amendment of Dr. Griscom was adopted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the proposed amendment as amended, it was finally adopted.

The Association then adjourned until 10 A. M., of the day following, Wednesday, June 8th.

Wednesday, June 8th. *Morning Session.*

The Association was called to order at 10 A. M., by Dr. N. S. Davis. The journal of the previous session was read and approved.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements proposed as members by invitation, the following gentlemen, all of whom were elected:

C. W. Stearns, M. D., New York, formerly of the U. S. A.; —— Noyes, M D., Newark, Conn.; John Greene, M. D., Worcester Mass.; J. Knight, M. D.,

Thos. Cock, M. D., New York City; S. H. Casey, M. D., Oneonta, N. Y.; Wm. B. Southern, M. D., Kalamazoo, Mich.; Philander White, M. D.; Oswego, N. Y.; F. L. Livingston, M. D.; Barrett, Mass.; W. Stump Forwood, Md.

On motion the following gentlemen were elected as permanent members:

E. Brown Séquard, M. D., Cambridge, Mass.; John P. Gray, M. D., N. Y. State Lunatic Asylum, Utica, N. Y.

Seats on the platform were assigned to Drs. C. W Sterns, John Greene, S. L. Noyes, J. Knight, Thos. Cock, E. Brown Séquard, Usher Parsons, Timothy Childs, and L. P. Gebhard.

The report of Committees being next in order were called for, with the following results:

Standing Committees.

Report from the Committee of Arrangements. No further report.

Report from the Prize Committee. To report in the course of the meeting.

Report from the Committee on Publication.

The following report from this Committee was presented by Dr. WISTER, of Pa, in behalf of its Chairman, Dr. F. G. SMITH, of Pa.

"The Committee of Publication respectfully report that owing to unavoidable circumstances, the minutes of the past meeting and the various papers referred to them were not received until late in the month of August, 1863, and that in consequence, the present volume (No. 14) was not issued until early in 1864. The edition issued was smaller than usual from the fact that the amount of funds in the hands of the Tresurer would not justify a larger one. The whole number of copies printed were five hundred at an aggregate cost of $890 19. Of this edition two hundred and fifty-seven (257) copies have been distributed to members, to medical journals and sold, leaving a balance of two hundred and forty-three (243) copies in the possession of the Association. The items of expenses incurred will be found in the report of the Treasurer.

The following schedule exhibits the number of copies of each volume now possessed by the Association:

* * * * * *

The successful prize essayist having preferred, instead of the hundred dollars appropriated, a gold medal of equal value the Committee had engraved private dies and a medal struck from them."

On motion the report was accepted and ordered to be published.

Treasurer's Report.

Dr. CASPAR WISTER, of Pa., the Treasurer submitted the following report:

"The Treasurer has the honor to report, that the demand for copies of the Transactions on the part of "permanent members" continues extremely small, so much so, indeed, as to have ceased to be a dependence with the Committee of Publication in their estimate of means for the publication of the annual volume.

At no meeting of this Association has the assessment of delegates produced a sum equal to the expense of printing the Transactions for the corresponding year, and the Treasury has met all expenses exceeding the amount of assessment from the cash balance of the preceding fiscal year. Now, however, the expense of printing the volume has increased full forty per cent. and this together with a decrease of sales, will render the printing of the Transactions impossible unless the utmost discretion is exercised in referring papers for publication. Let the Association refer only such as are of unquestionable value to the profession, and even in such instances, counsel the authors to avoid as much as possible illustrations by wood cuts and engravings, and the introduction of tables, or what is technically called "rule work." A volume of Transactions as expensive as some that the Association formerly published could not now be supplied at the present rate of assessment."

* * * * * *

On motion the report was accepted and ordered to be placed on file.

The report showed a balance in the treasury of $449 02.

Report from the Committee on Medical Literature. The President announced the death of its late Chairman.

DR. L. M. LAWSON, of Ohio, stated that a report was in an advanced stage of preparation at the time of his death.

Committee on Medical Education.—No report.

" " *Insanity.*—No report.

" " *American Medical Necrology*:—

Dr. COX, of Maryland, Chairman of this Committee, stated that a report was nearly completed, and requested that the Committee be enlarged, so as to include one member from each State.

On motion of Dr. MAYBERRY, of Pa.:

Resolved, That the Committee, be thus enlarged, and that the report when complete be referred to the Committee of Publication.

Reports from Special Committees.

1. To memorialize the President of the United States respecting the necessity for the organization of an ambulance system in the U. S. army. The Chairman of this Committee, Dr. GRISCOM, of N. Y., reported that the matter had already received the proper attention by the Medical Society of Boston, and asked that the Committee be discharged. On motion, the request was granted.

2. On the Surgical Treatment of Strictures of the Urethra.—No report.

3. On Drainage and Sewerage of large Cities, and their Influence on Public Health.—No report.

4. Committee on Puerperal Tetanus, its Statistics, Pathology, and Treatment.

Dr. D. L. MCGUGIN, of Iowa, made a report which was referred to the Section on Practical Medicine and Obstetrics.

5. Committee on Anæmia and Chlorosis.—Made no report.

6. Committee on Alcohol and its Relation to Man. Made no report.

7. Committee on Milk Sickness. Dr. THOMPSON, of Ohio, the Chairman of this Committee, reported, that much information had been collected on this subject but was not yet reduced to the proper form of a report, for want of co-operation from the other members of the Committee. On motion, the Committee was requested to complete the report, and transfer the same to the Section on Meteorology, Medical Topography, Epidemic Diseases, and Medical Jurisprudence and Hygiene.

8. Committee on Microscopic Observation of Cancer Celle. Made no report. The Committee being now in Europe, it was moved and resolved to continue the Committee.

9. Committee on Compulsory Vaccination. Dr. HIBBERD, of Indiana, presented a report in behalf of this Committee, which was read before the Association, and on motion was referred to the Section on Epidemic Diseases, etc., etc.

10. Committee on the Hygienic Relations of Air. No report. On motion, the whole Committee was discharged, in compliance with the request of its Chairman, Dr. COX, of Maryland.

11. Committee on Quarantine.—Dr. D. D. CLARK, of Pennsylvania, reported progress, assigning ill health as a reason for not presenting a full report this year. On motion, the excuse was accepted and the Committee continued for another year.

12. Committee on the Entrance of Air into the circulation through the Uterine Sinuses. The Committee, Dr. H. O. HITCHCOCK, of Michigan, presented

a report, which on motion, was referred to the Section on Practical Medicine and Obstetrics.

13. Committee on Exsections and its Connections with Conservative Surgery. The Committee made no report, the member thereof not having received any notice of his appointment. On motion the Committee was continued.

14. Committee on Military Hygiene, Dr. Andrews, of Illinois, Chairman, stated that a report was prepared. On motion it was referred to the Section on Hygiene, etc.

15. Committee on Medical Ethics. No report.

16. Committee on Tracheotomy in Membraneous Croup. No report. On motion it was resolved to continue this Committee

17. Committee on the Effects of Perineal Operations for Urinary Calculi upon Procreation in the Male. No report.

18. Committee on Mercurial Fumigations in Syphilis. No report.

19. Committee on The Cause and Increase of Crime, and the Mode of Punishment. No report. The Secretary presented in relation to this Committee a letter acquainting the Association of the death of Dr. W. C. Sneed, of Kentucky, which was ordered on file.

20. Committee on the Microscope. No report. A letter was received from Dr. A. C. Stiles, of Vermont, asking for the discharge of this Committee. On motion the request was granted.

21. Committee on Gangrene of the Lungs. No report.

22. Committee on Typhlitis and Peri-Typhilitis. Made no report.

23. Committee on the Relations which Electricity Sustains to the Causes of Diseases. No report was made.

24. Committee on the Morbid and Therapeutic Effects of Mental and Moral Influences. No report received.

25. Committee on the Causes of the Extinction of the Aboriginal Races of America. A communication was received from Dr. Suckley, of N. Y., stating that he had a report in progress. On motion, the Committee were continued.

26. Committee on the Sulphites of Lime and Soda in the Treatment of Hospital Gangrene, Phlebites, Erysipelas, and other Zymotic Diseases. The Committee, Dr. Fisher, of Illinois, stated that a report was prepared. On motion, it was sent to the Section on Practical Medicine.

27. Committee to Report on the Practical Workings of the United States Law, relating to the Inspection of Drugs and Medicines. A communication was received from the Chairman, Dr. Squibb, of New York, stating that a report was prepared and would be read at the pleasure of the Association. On motion, it was resolved, to make it the special order of business for eleven o'clock on Thursday morning.

28. Committee on the Causes and Treatment of Un-united Fractures. No report.

29. Committee on the Dislocation of the Hip and Shoulder. No report. The Committee requested to be discharged, which request, on motion, was granted.

30. Committee on Diphtheria. No report.

31. Committee on the Use and Abuse of Pessaries. The Committee, Dr. Gardner, of N. Y., presented a report, which, on motion, was referred to the Section on Obstetrics.

32. Committee on International Medical Ethics to Investigate the Conditions demanded for a Diploma of Doctor of Medicine, in the various Medical Schools and Universities of Europe. No reports.

33. Committee on Collection of Library of Medical Periodicals. No report.

34. Committee on Medical Topography and Epidemic Diseases. A report was received from Dr. Parsons, of Rhode Island, which, on motion, was referred to the Section on "Epidemic Diseases, etc." A communication was also received from Dr. Logan, of California, requesting to be continued as the Committee in question. On motion, the request was granted.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Chairman of the Committee on Nomination presented the following additional report:

Committee of Arrangements—H. J. Bigelow, H. W. Williams, A. D. Sinclair, Henry Damon, J. F. Borland, A. B. Hall, J. Baxter Upham, Massachusetts.

Committee on Publications.—F. G. Smith, Pa. H. F. Askew, Del., Ed. Hartshorn, Pa., H. A. Johnson, Illinois.

Committee on Prize Essays.—D. H. Storer, J. M. Warren, H. J. Bowditch, J. H. Dix, Massachusetts.

Committee on Medical Education..—Thos. Antisell, D. C, George Fries, Ohio, J. F. Hibbard, Ind., C. W. Parsons, R. I., E. R. Peaslee, N. Y.

Committee on Medical Literature.—Chas. A. Lee, N. Y., Thos. F. Rochester, N. Y., C. C. Cox, Maryland, Albert Smith, N. H., Andrew Nebinger, Pa.

Committee on Necrology—C. C. Cox, Maryland. J. W. Hamilton, Ohio, N. H. Taylor, Iowa, H. Van Dusen, Wisconsin, Noble Young, D. C., Josiah Simpson, U. S. Army, Jas. C. Weston, Maine, Henry Bronson, Conn., Henry Noble, Ill., Chas. Eversfield, U. S. Navy, T. B. Harvey, Ind., T. P. Fitch, N. H., Wm. Mayberry, Pa., Jas. Couper Del., M. L. Linton, Mo., H. T. Stevens, Vt., Henry Clark, Mass, John H. Griscom, N. Y., E M. Moore, N. Y., G. W Stormont, Kansas, Wm. B. Little, Cal., D W. Hand, Min., Henry Miller, Ky., J. C Hupp, Va., S. G. Armor, Mich, Jos. Mauran, R. I., Wm. Pearson, New Jersey.

On motion, the report was accepted by the Association.

The Chairman of the Committee on Voluntary Communications, presented a communication referring to a plastic operation by Dr. Buck, of N Y. On motion, it was referred to the Section on Surgery.

The same Committee presented a communication from Mr. Kingsley, a dentist, proposing to bring before the Association a New Method of Treatment for Congenital Fissure of the Palate by Mechanical Appliance. It was likewise on motion, referred to the same Section.

The same Committee presented Voluntary Communications on "Modified Ring Pessaries," by Dr. Hitchcock, of Mich, "On the Physiological and Dietetic Relations of Phosphorus," by Dr. Griscom, of N. Y., "On Sanitary Science and Mortuary Statistics of the city of New York from 1851 to 1864, by Dr. Ramsay, of New York.

All of which were on motion referred to their proper Sections.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were introduced by the Committee on Voluntary Communications:

Whereas, by great and unremitted exertions as appears by the records of the Massachusetts Senate for the year 1842, Dr. Appleton Howe, of South Weymouth, Mass., and Dr. Joshua Gardner, now of the city of Providence, R. I., but both Senators of Massachusetts at the date aforesaid, introduced, advocated and procured the enactment in that body of the first law ever enacted in these United States, for the registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, and,

Whereas, said law then violently opposed, and deemed by many not only of minor importance, but wholly unnecessary and inexpedient, has since commended itself to the favorable consideration of Physicians and Legislators throughout the country; therefore,

Resolved, That the American Medical Association fully appreciating the great benefits derived from said law, and the service to the country of said

Johnson Gardner

Howe and Gardner in procuring the passage thereof, take pleasure in recognizing the act as having originated in the wisdom of the Legislature of the old Bay State.

On motion, the Resolutions were adopted.

Dr Percy, of N. Y., offered the followng Resolutions:

Resolved, That the Committee of Publication be instructed to deliver to the Secretary of the Association the Die from which the gold medal was struck, as the property of the Association. On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Voluntary Communications presented a paper by Dr. Chas F. Taylor, of N. Y., entitled "The Pathology of the Lateral Curvature of the Spine." Which on motion was referred to the Section on Surgery.

Dr. Anderson, of N. Y., Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements proposed the following gentlemen as members by Invitation: Dr. G. G. Barton, H. H. Nye, J. W. Sanders, H. H. Lyman.

And they were elected.

A communication was read from D. T. Valentine, Esq., tendering each member present a copy of the Corporation Manual for the present year, if provided with their names and addresses.

On motion, the offer was accepted and the following Resolution adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are eminently due, and are hereby tendered to the Common Council of the city of New York, for liberally donating to each delegate of this Association a copy of the Manual of the Corporation for 1864. Edited by D. T. Valentine, Clerk of the Common Council. On motion, the Secretary was instructed to forward the names and post-office addresses of each member present to Mr. Valentine.

Dr. Gardner, of N. Y., presented the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, It is the duty and great distinction of Christian nations, and in conformity with the highest instincts of humanity, to assuage the sufferings and mitigate the horrors of war in every possible manner, in which attempt the medical profession has ever been eminently conspicuous; and,

Whereas, The stringency of our blockade of the Southern coast has, to a great extent, deprived the sick and wounded, the feeble babe, the helpless woman, the aged man, as well as the sufferers by wounds and disease in the ranks of our enemies, of needful appliances to relieve pain and to save life; and

Whereas, From the same cause thousands and tens of thousands of our own brave sons and brothers, fighting for the holy cause of our glorious Union, and left wounded on the battle-field in the hands of the enemy, have been compelled to have operations performed without the relief and benefit which chloroform would bring, and have lain in suffering unto death in the hospitals of the South from the absolute destitution of the country of many needful medicines and instruments of surgery; and,

Whereas, These articles are in no respect to be considered as among the "sinews of war," and, as has been seen, are not material to a vigorous prosecution of rebellious warfare; and,

Whereas, This Association, numbering among its lawful members the medical men of the entire thirty-four States of the Union, we deem it eminently fitting that we should urge upon the Government and the people of the United States to remember the universal brotherhood of man and the undying attributes of humanity; it is therefore unanimously

Resolved, That the Association request the President of the United States to take such action as shall cause all medicines and medical and surgical instruments and appliances to be excluded from the list of articles called "contraband of war," and that such articles in any quantity may be purchased by any person in any State of the Union, and may be conveyed beyond our lines under a flag of truce, after proper inspection, so as to give every necessary comfort to relieve any human suffering, whether of our own soldiers or that of the enemy.

Resolved, That a copy of the above Preamble and Resolutions be sent to the President and Heads of Departments, and to each and every member of the United States Senate, and attested by the officers of this Association; and that every member be requested to use all the influence in his power in stripping this fratracidal war of some of its unnecessary horrors, and thereby to inaugurate the re-establishment of more kindly feelings, and to smooth away some of the obstructions to the reconciliation of our misguided brethren.

Resolved, That a Committee, representing every State of the Union here present, be appointed to present these Resolutions to the President.

Dr. Loomis moved that this be laid upon the table.

Dr Mayberry moved as an amendment "the indefinite postponement of the same," which was carried.

Dr. Cox, of Maryland, presented the following:

Resolved, That a Committee of five be appointed to memorialize Congress, at its present session, if possible, in regard to the passage of a law for the Improvement of the Rank of Medical Officers of the Army; and that the memorial, together with a draft of the proposed law, be printed and sent to each Senator and Representative in the National Legislature.

Resolved, That the members of the American Medical Associations are earnestly requested to communicate promptly with members of Congress from their respective districts, in relation to the object of this resolution, and to urge the enactment of such law as may confer proper rank upon a branch of the military organization of the country whose important services and claims have never been adequately appreciated or recognized.

After offering these Resolutions, Surgeon Cox made the following remarks:

Mr. President: It will be recollected that, at the last meeting of the Association, I introduced resolutions on the subject of increased rank in the Medical Corps of the army. The able memorial, prefaced by Dr. McGugin, of Iowa, was not placed on the desks of members of Congress early enough for definite action.

There has been, from the beginning, a determined disinclination to accord to medical men in the army, the rank to which they are justly entitled. This may be a part of that general indisposition to recognize and reward the services of medical men which exists in every community. The soldier, who falls on the battle-field, forced into the front, quite as much by the rigorous military discipline as from the effects of genuine courage, has a monument to recall his prowess; while the physician, who confronts death in the heat of the pestilence and falls a victim at the bedside of his patient, generally misses a rude stake to mark his grave! Medical men of the army have never received the consideration to which they are eminently entitled.

It is true that a bill is now before Congress to increase the rank and pay of Medical Directors of Army Corps, but its provisions are partial and confined to the period for which the officer may be on duty. We desire *permanent* rank—*permanent* recognition of our services.

I had the honor to institute, before this association, years ago, the movement in behalf of the medical corps of the navy. They were really without any assimilated rank. The memorial was prepared by a committee of this body, the form of a bill drafted, and the whole matter successfully carried through Congress. A bill was passed and the medical gentlemen of the navy have been reaping the benefits of it to this day. The influence of this Association is not to be lightly regarded, and I feel confident that effort on our part would accomplish all desired by

the medical men of the army, and effect justice, however tardy, to a class of intelligent and self-sacrificing devotees of science.

To show you the superior responsibility of medical men of the army, I have only to cite the case of Surgeon LETTERMAN, former Director of the Army of the Potomac, whose charge of wounded at one time exceeded. I believe, 40,000. In less ratio the Director at Washington, Dr. ABBOTT, and many excellent and able colleagues, Surgeon SIMPSON, U. S. A., of the Middle Department, are cases in point. Dr. SATTERLEE of New York, one of nature's noblemen, an officer of attainment and experience, the oldest surgeon in the United States army, has in the progress of his versatile duties as Purveyor disbursed 8,000,000 dollars, since the war commenced. Nor are these solitary instances. It is true, something has been done in recognition of the services of medical men and I trust this Association will at once, throw into our cause, the weight of its overpowering influence.

Drs. HAMILTON of New York, and HODGES of Ohio, addressed the Association in a similar manner urging the passage of the resolution.

On motion the above resolutions were adopted unanimously, and the President appointed to carry out the spirit of the same, the following committee: C. C. COX, M. D., Surgeon U. S. V., Baltimore. Md., D. L. MCGUIGIN, M. D., Keokuk, Iowa, THOMAS ANTISELL, M. D.. Washington, D. C., FRANK H. HAMILTON, M. D., New York City, HENRY F. ASKEW, M. D., Wilmington, Delaware.

On a subsequent motion of Dr. COX, it was resolved to add to the above committee, and as its Chairman, CHARLES S. TRIPLER, M. D., Surgeon U. S. A.

On motion of Dr. FURMAN of New York:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to Dr. ALDEN MARCH for the able and dignified manner in which he had presided over the deliberations of this body, which was carried unanimously.

The following amendments to the Constitution were introduced:

Dr. S. L. LOOMIS of Washington, D. C., moved to amend the Constitution, providing for the appointment of a Treasurer and an Assistant Treasurer, to hold their appointments for three years, when the assistant treasurer shall become treasurer and a new assistant treasurer shall be elected, thus electing an assistant treasurer every three years.

By Dr. S. L. LOOMIS of Washington, D. C., moved to amend the Constitution providing for the appointment of a committee on transportation consisting of five members two of which shall be elected each year.

By Surgeon C. C. COX of Maryland: *Resolved*, to strike out the fifteenth paragraph, article 2nd, of the Constitution commencing with the words "No permanent member," and terminating with the words "the next volume of transactions."

The association then adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., Thursday, June 9th, 1864.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH.—*Morning Session.*

The Association was called to order by the President shortly after 10 o'clock, A. M. The minutes of the previous afternoon session, were read, corrected, and on motion adopted.

Dr. MAURAN of R. I., called the attention of the Association to the two prizes offered by the Rhode Island State Medical Society for 1865 on the following subjects:

1st. What evidence is there that inflammatory and febrile diseases have undergone any general change of type?

2nd. The effects of climate in America on tuberculous disease?

And stated that for the best dissertation on either of these subjects they offer a premium of one hundred dollars, and that they were open to the competition of all.

On motion of Dr. ASKEW of Delaware it was resolved that the time for the next meeting of the Association should be on the first Tuesday of June, 1865.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The reports of the Standing Committees were again called for, with the following results:

Committee on Insanity: Dr. RALPH HILLS, of Ohio, Chairman of this Committee, in a note addressed to the Association, reported progress and asked for an extension of time, promising to report at the next meeting if such privilege were granted.

On motion the request was granted.

On motion of Dr. GRISCOM of New York, Dr. E. H. VAN DUSEN, the Medical Superintendent of the Michigan State Lunatic Asylum, at Kalamazoo, was added to the Committee on Insanity.

Committee on Prize Essays.—The Chairman of the Committee not being present, the calling for the report was deferred.

The report from the Special Committee on "Compulsory Vaccination," referred yesterday to the section on epidemic diseases, was taken up and referred to the Publishing Committee.

On motion, the Association adopted the resolution therein contained, and the Chair appointed for that purpose the following Committee: Drs. A. N. BELL, N. Y., JONAS P. LOINES, N. Y., H. D. BULKLEY, N. Y., ANDDREW NEBINGER, Pa., J. F. HIBBARD, Indiana.

Dr. BUTLER, of Pa., the Chairman of the Section on Medical Topography, etc., presented a report. On motion the report was adopted.

Report on the Practical Workings of the United States Law relating to the inspection of Drugs and Medicines.—Dr. SQUIBB, the Chairman of the Committee on the Practical Workings of the United States Drug Law, made a statement to the effect that the gentlemen who composed that Committee could not agree upon the report prepared for their action; inasmuch as at the time it was presented for consideration there was not opportunity for an interchange of views upon the subject, they respectfully requested that, as a Committee, they should be discharged.

On motion of Dr. GARDNER, the report of the Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged.

By permission of the Association Dr. SQUIBB then read a voluntary communication from himself on the same subject. Which on motion was referred to the Section on Chemistry, etc.

Dr. STORER, of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Section of Practical Medicine and Obstetrics presented a report of the meeting of the Section held the afternoon before, and concluded the same by presenting the following resolutions, which were appended to his paper:

Resolved, That in the opinion of the American Medical Association it is expedient that there should be attached to every public Hospital for the Insane, one or more consulting physicians, whose appointment should be honorary, and who may be consulted at the discretion of the superintendent, such measure being alike for the interest of the hospital, its medical officers, and its patients.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be transmitted to the Board of Trustees of each of our public Hospitals for the Insane, and also to the Secretary of the Association of Medical Superintendents of Hospitals for the Insane, and request that it may be endorsed by that body, the action proposed being upon the respective boards with which its members are officially connected.

Dr. GRISCOM, of New York, moved to strike out in the first resolution the words "*whose appointment should be honorary,*" which was carried.

The first resolution as amended was adopted.

The second resolution was adopted.

The report of the Section was also adopted and referred to the Committee of Publication.

The nominating Committee wishing to complete their final report proceeded to do so.

Before the reading of the report Dr. GRISCOM, of

New York, desired to introduce a resolution pertinent to the election of Permanent Secretary.

On motion Dr. GRISCOM obtained the floor by general consent, and submitted the following resolution

Resolved, That the Permanent Secretary shall be entitled to a compensation of $—— per annum, payable out of any surplus funds of the Association after all other claims and debts against the Association for each current year shall have been paid. On mothe whole subject was laid upon the table.

On motion the Nominating Committee submitted their final report, as follows:

Committee on Insanity.—Drs. Ralph Hills. Ohio, Horatio R. Storer, Mass., J. P. Bancroft, N. H., E. H. Van Dusen, Michigan, R. J. Patterson, Iowa, J. H. Woodburn, Indiana. Joshua Worthington, Pa.

Committee on Quarantine.—Dr. D. Clark, Pa., E. M. Snow, R. I., Wilson Jewell, Pa., E. D. Fenner, La., J. W. Houck, Maryland.

On the Causes of the Extinction of the Aboriginal Races of America.—Dr. Geo. Suckley, N. Y.

On International Medical Ethics. To investigate the Conditions demanded for a Diploma of Doctor of Medicine, in the various Medical Schools and Universities of Europe. Drs. J. Baxter Upham, Mass., Robt. Thompson, Ohio, George C. Shattuck, Mass., Gustave C. E. Weber, Ohio.

On Autopsies in Relation to Medical Jurisprudence. Dr. T. C. Finnell, N. Y.

On so-called Spotted Fever.—Dr. J. J. Levick, Pa.

On the introduction of Disease by Commerce and the Means for its Prevention.—Dr. A. N. Bell, N. Y.

On Patent Rights and Medical Men.—Drs. David Prince, Ill., Thomas Antisell, D. C., and Stephen Smith, N. Y.

Committee on Exsection and its Connexions with Conservative Surgery (enlarged).- Drs. Sayre, N. Y., G. W. Norris, Pa., G. C. Blackman, O., S. H. Tewksbury, Me., E. Andrews, Ill., Geo. B. Twitchell, N. H., J. C. Hughes, Iowa, G. Clymer, U. S. N., J. R. W. Dunbar, Md., R. H. Gilbert, U. S. A.

On Drainage and Sewerage of Large Cities and their Influence on Public Health.—Dr. W. J. C. Duhamel, D. C., E. C. Baldwin, Md., Cyrus Ramsay, N. Y.

On Alcohol and its Relations to Man.—Dr. G. E. Morgan.

On Microscopic Observations in Cancer Cells.—Drs. Leonard J. Sanford, Conn.

On Medical Ethics.—Drs. J. A. Murphy, Ohio, M. L. Linton, Mo., B. F. Schenck, Pa., Swain Wickersham, Ill., A. J. Fuller, Me.

On the Microscope.—Dr. Jas. M. Corse, Pa.

On Relations which Electricity sustains to the Causes of Disease.—Dr. S. Littel, Pa.

On the Morbid and Therapeutic Effects of Mental and Moral Influences.—Dr. A. B. Palmer, Mich.

On the Causes and Treatment of Un-united Fractures.—Dr. F. H. Hamilton, N. Y.

On Diphtheria.—Dr. Lucius Clark, Ill.

On the Uses and Abuses of Pessaries.—Dr. Jas. B. White, N. Y.

On Climatology and Epidemic Diseases.—Drs. C. W. Parsons, R. I., P. A. Stackpole, N. H., T. M. Logan, Cal., R. C. Hamill, Ill., J. C. Weston, Me., B. H. Catlin, Conn., C. L. Allen, Vt., T. Antisell, Washington, D. C., J. W. H. Baker, Iowa, Abraham Sager, Mich., O. S. Mahon, Md., J. W. Russell, Ohio, D. F. Condie, Pa., H. Townsend, N. Y.

Permanent Secretary American Medical Association.—Dr. William B. Atkinson, of Philadelphia.

Assistant Secretary.—Dr. H. R. Storer, of Boston.

On motion the report was accepted.

Moved by Dr. Kennedy, of N. Y., that the name of Dr. Furman, of N. Y., the present incumbent in office be substituted for that of Dr. W. B. Atkinson, of Pa., as permanent Secretary of the Association.

The question being put, and the vote being doubtful, a count was called for, with the following results:—Dr. WM. B ATKINSON 72, and Dr. GUIDO FURMAN 56 votes, thereupon Dr. ATKINSON was declared elected, which on motion was made unanimous. The whole report was adopted.

It was moved that a Committee be appointed to report at the next meeting of the Association, "On the Ligature of the Subclavian Artery." Adopted, and the following gentlemen were appointed as such Committee:—Drs. Willard Parker, N. Y., Armsby, Troy, N. Y., Norris, Phila., and Mussey, Cincinnati, O.

Report from the Committee on Prize Essays.—The Committee beg leave to report that they have received two essays in competition for the prize offered by the American Medical Association. After a careful examination of these essays, they have agreed to recommend the one "On The Pathology of Jaundice," bearing the motto "*Dermocholepœsis*," for the prize offered by the Association; and would suggest to the author of the essay, with the motto "*Homines enem ad Deos nulla repropius auedunt quam salutem hominibus dando*," to publish the same in some one of the professional journals.

On motion, the report was accepted.

On opening the envelope endorsed "*Dermocholepœsis*," the author's name was found to be J. FLEET SPIER, M. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The Committee stated that a third essay, "On the Surgical Treament of Morbid Growths in the Larynx," was received by them at too late a period to be acted upon.

Amendment to the Constitution—By Dr. E. R. PEASLEE, of N Y.—The Committee on Prize Essays recommend that the By-Laws be so amended as to require that all essays in competition for the prize, be presented at least one month previously to the session of the Association.

An unsigned note was received, addressed to the Delegates to the "National Sanitary Convention," appointed in 1860, who were present to assemble for half an hour in the Committee room, for a conference relative to the re-organization of the Convention.

On motion the Association then adjourned until 4 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 4 o'clock, P. M., and was called to order by the President.

Dr. C. C. Cox. of Maryland, submitted the following Resolutions, which were ad pted:

Resolved That a Committee of three, consisting of Dr. T. L. SMITH, of New York, Dr. WILSON JEWELL, of Pennsylvania, and Dr. B. F. BACHE, U. S. N. be appointed to memorialize Congress upon the subject of the attempted wrong to the Medical Corps of the Navy, as indicated by a widely circulated protest of the line officers of that branch of the service, against the very moderate increase of rank given to medical officers by a General Order of the Department of the 13th March, 1863, which increase in rank by no means corresponds in extent to the advancement in rank of the officers of the line thus protesting.

The following Resolutions were also offered and adopted:

By Dr. RAPHAEL, New York:

Resolved, To amend the fourth article of the Constitution so as to insert after the word ticket, (fifth line), the words, "except in case of the President, who shall be nominated and elected by ballot in open session of the Society, the member receiving a majority of all the votes cast to be declared elected."

Dr. DUHAMEL, Washington, D. C.:

Resolved, That the members of the American Medical Association tender their thanks to the gentlemen of the medical profession of the city of New York, for the hospitality and civilities extended to them during their stay here.

Resolved, That we also tender our thanks to Mayor GUNTHER and the gentlemen of the public institutions, who have extended to the members of the Association much kindness and attention.

Dr. McGugin, Iowa.

Resolved, That the Committee appointed for the purpose of drafting a suitable bill to be presented to Congress for its consideration and adoption on the subject of the relative rank of medical officers of the army be, and they are hereby instructed to embrace in its provisions a further separation of the Medical Department from the commanding officers of the line, in order to have a more perfect and unrestrained control of its interests and greater efficiency in that branch of the service.

Also by Dr. McGugin, Iowa:

Resolved, That each member of the Association is hereby earnestly requested to furnish to the Chairman, or any member of the Standing Committees appointed to report upon the subject assigned them, at the next annual meeting, all facts in his possession, and his experience touching the subject matters upon which said Committee are required to report.

Dr. Palmer, Mich.:

Resolved, That, as the representatives of the profession of the country, meeting at the moment when the greatest military collision of modern times is at its acme, producing almost unprecedented numbers of wounded and suffering men, calling for the greatest skill and devotion, imposing the deepest responsibilities, the most intense labors, and the most painful endurance on the part of the military surgeons, we cannot separate without a formal and heartfelt recognition of the services of our brethren in the field and hospitals, who have been, and are at this moment so nobly responding to all these demands—and while cherishing their immense and invaluable services as an honor to our profession, we commend these men and the memory of their deeds in the cause of *science* and patriotism, of civil government, of Union, of liberty, of humanity, to the gratitude of the country, whose life, as well as that of their heroic patients, they are laboring to preserve.

Dr. Holton, Vermont:

Resolved, That the able and impartial manner in which our distinguished President has presided over our deliberations demands, and by these presents does receive our most heartfelt thanks.

Resolved. That as he returns to his field of labor, he shall carry with him the best wishes of the members of this Association for the continued blessings of life and health, thus being able to dispense the blessings of the profession of which he is so bright an ornament,

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are due, and are hereby tendered to Dr. Furman, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Secretary.

Dr. Hibbard, of Indiana:

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements be, and are hereby requested to solicit the leading railways of the country to transport members to the next meeting of this Association at reduced fare.

All of which were adopted.

Dr. Stockwell, of Mich.:

The following Preamble and Resolutions were accepted and adopted by the North Eastern District Medical Association, at its annual meeting, on the 19th of May, 1864, and which its Delegate was instructed to present to the consideration of the American Medical Association.

Whereas, Criminal Abortion has become an alarmingly common evil, we need some means to educate the community as to its criminality and physical evils; therefore,

Resolved, That our Delegates be requested to ask the American Medical Association to offer a premium for the best Short and Comprehensive Tract calculated for circulation among females and designed to enlighten them upon the criminality and physical evils of forced abortions.

Which was carried.

Resolved and adopted, That the foregoing subject be referred to the Prize Essay Committee.

The Section on Surgery made a report. The report was accepted and referred to the Publishing Committee. The recommendations therein were adopted.

The Section on Hygiene, etc., submitted a report, which was accepted and referred as the preceding.

The Section on Obstetrics made a report, which was accepted and disposed of in like manner.

Dr. Hibbard's proposed amendment to the "Plan of Organization," offered last year: "The President and Vice-Presidents shall assume the functions of their respective offices at the beginning of the annual meeting next succeeding their election. Other officers shall take office immediately upon their election," was debated and adopted.

Notice of the death of Dr. Franklin Bache.

Dr. Squibb presented the following remarks and motion:

Within the past few months the medical profession of this country has lost the life and service of Dr. Franklin Bache, of Philadelphia, and it appears hardly just that he should pass from the scene of his productive labor without some respectful notice upon the record of the National Medical Association. This man, with an honesty of purpose and of practice which proved that he was guided by the spirit of truth in his heart, industriously served his profession throughout a long life with vigor, energy, ability, and with success, and there are few men left living in the profession who have added so much to its practical useful knowledge, or who have so faithfully opposed ignorance and error.

With much of the wisdom of his great ancestor, Benjamin Franklin, he surpassed him in soundness of mind and integrity of action, and lived a life so useful and so nearly blameless, that all may envy his reputation and follow his example with advantage to the profession he so long served. He died on the —— day of April, 1864, in Philadelphia, while actively engaged in professional labor upon the United States Dispensatory.

Moved, That Dr. Jos. Carson, of Philadelphia, be appointed to draw up a biographical sketch of his public life and services for the Transactions of the Association. On motion it was

Resolved, To refer the above matter to the Committee on American Medical Necrology of the Association.

Dr. Hibbard, of Indiana:

Resolved, That a Committee of Three be appointed to collate and revise the Plan of Organization, putting into an orderly code all ordinances now in force, but not adding any new matter except to harmonize the several parts which was adopted.

Dr. Sayre, of N. Y., moved that the President be one and the Chairman of that Committee. The question being put by Dr. Hooker, it was carried. In keeping with the foregoing Resolution, the following Committee was appointed: Drs. N. S. Davis, Ill., S. D. Willard, N. Y., Jas. F. Hibbard, Ind.

Dr. Griscom, N. Y.:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to confer with the Haytien Minister on the cultivation of the Cinchona Plant. Carried.

The President appointed as such Committee Drs. Jos. M. Smith, E. R. Squibb, Jno. H. Griscom, of N. Y.

Dr. Homberger, N. Y.:

Whereas, The position and question of Specialties and Specialists is at the present moment very ill defined; be it

Resolved, That the American Medical Association go into Committee of the whole, to define the position of Specialists and the duties of the profession toward Specialists, as well as the duties of Specialists toward the profession. Which after debate was lost, and a motion made by Dr. Raphael, of N. Y., prevailed that a Special Committee of five be appointed, (Dr. Homberger to be its Chairman), to report at the next meeting upon the subject.

To carry out the spirit of this resolution, the Chair appointed for that purpose the following Committee: Drs. Homberger, N. Y, Storer, Mass.,

Jos. P. White, N. Y., W. Jewell, Pa., Worthington Hooker, Connecticut.

At the request of Dr. WHITE, of N. Y., it was

Resolved, To excuse him from serving on the above Committee, and Dr. BRINSMADE, of N. Y., was substituted for him.

Dr D. L. MCGUGIN, of Iowa:

Whereas, That medical men are very often summoned and compelled to appear in court, or by coroners to testify in cases in which their testimony is that only upon which the judge and jury rely for the material on which to found their judgment and decisions, get, although dragged from their homes and their duties, they receive but the fee of those who only testify as to the facts seen and heard, in each individual case. All experts, in whatever department of life, receive additional compensation proportionate to the importance of the facts and opinions they are able to solve, and it is but just to the profession that like consideration and benefit be secured to the members of the medical profession; it is therefore

Resolved, That the State Societies and the profession of each State be requested to petition the several Legislatures thereof to pass laws giving to medical witnesses the usual fee for counsel as in all other cases, and especially when the judgment and decisions of the cases rest upon the force of the medical testimony. Adopted.

Dr. HENRY D. NOYES, of New York:

Whereas, In the Appropriation Bill now pending in Congress, is a clause, donating to Dr. W .T. G. MORTON, of Boston, Mass., the sum of $200,000, as a recognition of his services in introducing Sulphuric Ether as an anæsthetic agent; and,

Whereas, The said Dr. MORTON, by suits brought against charitable medical institutions for infringements of an alleged patent, covering all anæsthetic agents, not claiming Sulphuric Ether *only*, but the *state* of Anæsthesia, however produced, as his invention, has, by this act, put himself beyond the pale of an honorable profession and of true labors in the cause of science and humanity,

Resolved, That the American Medical Association enter their protest against any appropriation to the said Dr. MORTON, because of his unworthy conduct, also because of his unwarrantable assumption of a patentable right to anæsthesia, and further, because private beneficence in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and other places, has already sufficiently rewarded him for any claims which he may justly urge.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means in the House of Representatives at Washington.

On motion of Dr. MORRIS, of R. I.. the above Resolutions were adopted, with but two dissenting votes.

Resolved, That this Association pass a vote of thanks to the Committee of Arrangements and the gentlemen who so hospitably entertained the Association. Carried unanimously.

On motion, the Association then adjourned to meet in Boston the first Tuesday in June, 1865.

Per Chloride of Iron and Collodion.

This combination is of great use as a hæmostatic in cases of cuts, leech bites, &c. One part of the crystallized perchloride of iron is to be dissolved in six parts of collodion; but this must be done very gradually, or the heat which is produced will cause the ebulition of the collodion. The mixture is a yellowish red, limpid fluid, which, when applied to the skin gives rise to a small yellow pellicle possessed of great elasticity.—*Reine Med., Nov. 15th*, 1863.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Periscope.

Poisonous Effects of Oidium of Vines.

In the *Medical Times and Gazette* is an epitome of a paper presented by M. COLLIN to the Academy of Medicine wherein it is stated that the *oidium* which has for past years been so destructive to the vine may also in man produce decided symptoms of poisoning. In the three cases which he relates, the persons while cutting vines affected with *oidium* produced a slight incision of the skin; and in all the same symptoms resulted. In a few days, shivering, loss of appetite, and fever with remissions set in. The cut, at first quite insignificant, soon assumed a bad aspect and eventually became gangrenous, the limb itself being œdematous. The most remarkable circumstance was that the mouth became covered with *muguet*, which modern researches have shown to be a cryptogamous production, and which has indeed, been termed by M. GUBLER the *oidium* of the mouth, M. COLLIN has instituted some experiments by the inoculation of animals with *oidium*, the results of which will be communicated.

Scarlet Fever in England.

London is emerging from a more formidable epidemic of scarlet fever than has prevailed there for upward of twenty years, and the disease appears rife all over England. During the first eight months of the past year, one death in every fourteen was due to scarlatina.

Remedy for Scarlet Fever.

Dr. JAMES O. WHITNEY, of Pawtucket, R. I., recommends, in the *Boston Medical and Surgical Journal*, a saturated solution of *chlorate of potash*, in equal parts of muriatic acid and water, which has the effect of acting as a valuable *diuretic*. "I have used it," he says, "in some twenty cases, without having been disappointed in any instance. I begin to use it at any stage of the disease, administering it every four and six hours in sugared or gum-arabic water, in such doses that a child five years of age would get one and a half drops of the acid at each dose; and in a few instances I have used double such quantity, with benefit. The beneficial use of this remedy for correcting fœtid breath in scarlet and other adynamic fevers, is well known, and its *modus operandi* easily explained; but how it acts upon the kidneys is not so readily understood.

Trichinial Infection.

While removing a cancroid growth from the neck of a patient arrived from the country, Dr. LANGENBECK remarked that the platysma presented an unusual appearance. Microscopic examination, showed that it contained an immense number of dead trichinæ, contained in calcified capsules. Inquiry was made, as to the circumstances under which the immigration had probably occurred, and the following was the result: In 1845 a commission, composed of eight persons, went to a town in the district of Lawsitz, to inspect the schools. A collation composed of hams, sausages, roast veal, and white wine, was served to the commission; only seven of the members partook of it, the eighth was absent at the time and only took a glass of red wine at dessert. Three or four days after, the seven who had partaken of refreshment were seized with intense diarrhœa, pain in the neck, and œdema of the face and extremities. In four the attack proved fatal, and the other three, including the person on whom M. LANGENBECK had operated, only recovered after a tedious illness.—*Edinburg Med. Jour.*

MEDICAL AND SURGICAL REPORTER.

PHILADELPHIA, JUNE 25, 1864.

CLOSE OF THE ELEVENTH VOLUME.

With this number closes another six months, and the eleventh volume of the Medical and Surgical Reporter. By reference to the accompanying index, it will be seen that a large amount and variety of original matter has been published during the past six months. In consequence of using a smaller type we have been able to give nearly as much reading matter on our reduced number of pages as formerly. Since the 1st of May the Reporter has been enlarged. This enlargement will be continued, and further increased, just as soon as the price of material and labor will warrant it. We are now paying *twenty-three cents a pound* for paper, with the prospect of soon being obliged to pay more. After the first of July we shall use a better quality of paper, which will give the Reporter a much improved appearance.

Other and important changes having reference to the usefulness of the Reporter, will be announced in our next. Among these, are 1. The employment of a competent business manager at a large salary, through whose management all deficiencies will soon be made up, and the affairs of the office placed on a proper business footing, much to the advantage of all interested. 2. The opening of an office of publication in New York and issuing the Reporter simultaneously in Philadelphia and New York. And 3. The employment of adequately compensated editorial assistance in New York, through whom valuable contributions from that city will be secured for our pages.

It is due to ourselves, by way of apology for past deficiencies to state that in addition to the greatly increased cost of labor and material, and the difficulty of getting labor promptly done, we have for the last two years, been staggering under the weight of cash losses, through dishonesty, to an amount that we have not yet been able to estimate correctly, but which fully reaches two thousand dollars and probably greatly exceeds that sum. This, added to our inability to command adequate business arrangements for the management of so extended a business as ours has grown to be, has been the cause of great irregularity, and many errors and delays, which with our new arrangements we hope to entirely avoid hereafter.

Having outlived the difficulties referred to above, and with a large subscription list and clear sailing before us, we have made more liberal arrangements for the future management of the work than we have ever before done, including a very heavy outlay for literary contributions.

THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the American Medical Association was held in New York last week, the sessions commencing on Tuesday morning, the 7th instant, and closing on Thursday. The attendance was very large, being fully up to that on the meetings anterior to our national disturbances. The names of nearly five hundred delegates were registered. A full official account of the meeting is in course of preparation which we hope will be in time for this number, though it has been delayed by the illness of the Secretary.

The sessions were held in Irving Hall, a fine building, but very ill adapted to the purpose both in its location, being on the corner of a block, and in its audience chamber which is constructed without the slightest regard to the principles of acoustics. The delegates had an excellent opportunity to *scrape* an acquaintance while registering their names and paying their dues. Good humor and pleasantry abounded, so did greenbacks, much to the delight of the Treasurer, whose coffers sadly needed replenishing; while each delegate became the delighted possessor of a pack of cards—of invitation to entertainments and excursions, and a carte blanche to visit everything in the great city of Gotham, that was worth seeing; and we may here remark that they afterwards found these vouchers a passport wherever they went, to marked respect and attention.

We must refer to the minutes for a detailed account of the business transacted at the meeting. The Reporter is the only journal that has a full report of the proceedings, for which we are in-

debted to the courtesy of the Secretary, Dr. GUIDO FURMAN.

When the delegates were assembled in the hall, the sight was an imposing one. There were congregated some of the brightest ornaments of the profession from all parts of the country, with a due proportion of younger men, who, a few years hence, will have inscribed their names on the tablets of memory. Among the veteran members of the profession present during the meetings of the Association, we noticed CHILDS and GREEN, of Massachusetts, PARSONS, of Rhode Island, KNIGHT, of Connecticut, STEVENS, of New York, SMITH and CRAIG, of New Jersey, GEBHARD, of Pennsylvania, and others, whose white hairs might place them in the same category, but whose elastic steps, vigorous movements, and cheery presence, place them a little nearer the meridian of life. The younger portion of the delegates felt that to be in such company was an honor, and we felt sure that there were among them those who would creditably fill the seats soon, alas, too soon! to be vacated by these, their grave and reverend seniors.

The address of the President, Dr. ALDEN MARCH, of Albany, was hardly, in our opinion, equal to the importance of the occasion, or complimentary to the character of the audience. The principal theme was a hackneyed one, and there were common-place expressions that sounded badly in an address before a scientific audience like that he addressed. The address of the President of such a body of men as were assembled on that occasion should be an honor to the American Medical profession.

In the selection of President for the ensuing year, we believe the Nominating Committee consulted the wishes of nine-tenths of the delegates. It was peculiarly appropriate that Dr. N. S. DAVIS, the man through whose instrumentality more than that of any other, the preliminary meeting toward the formation of the Association was held in this very city in 1846, should here be selected to preside over its deliberations. And during the meeting Dr. DAVIS proved himself to be well qualified to fill the position creditably to himself and to the learned and august body over which he was called to preside.

We were sorry to hear so many committees called, who were not ready to report, and hope that a better account will be rendered of these committees next year. There was but a single report on Topography, Meteorology, and Epidemics, that of Dr. PARSONS, of Rhode Island. These reports are important as containing a medical history of the several sections of the country, and should be made with some degree of regularity.

The discussions were generally conducted with freedom, candor, and good feeling. Some constitutional changes having an important bearing on the future welfare of the Association were made, and others were proposed, and will be acted on at the next meeting. The different sections organized, and transacted a good deal of business, which was speedily dispatched in the general sessions. The utility of these sections was apparent.

One of the most important modifications in the organic law of the Association made at this session, was, in our view, the establishment of a Permanent Secretaryship. We originally proposed this alteration through these pages a number of years ago, and were twice the means of having the subject brought before the Association. The first time, the proposition not being well understood, was defeated. The Nominating Committee proposed the name of Dr. WM. B. ATKINSON, of this city, and he was elected. The selection of this officer should have been done with more deliberation, however, and the sense of the meeting should have been ascertained by a ballot. There should have been no canvassing and electioneering for it. As it was, the result was rather creditable to the industry of the candidate and the adroit management of the leaders of a strong county delegation than a deliberate expression of the wishes of the Association. If we mistake not, the Secretary elect has never yet attended a meeting of the Association. We feel too great an interest in this matter not to hope that Dr. ATKINSON will make a good Secretary. Indeed, as Secretary of the Philadelphia County and the Pennsylvania State Medical Societies, he has had considerable experience, and given satisfaction, and we doubt not he will do so in this new, important, and honorable position. It was remarked that no sooner was the question of the Secretaryship decided than the Philadelphia dele-

gation, with the exception of three members, immediately disappeared.

The social feature of the meeting was, by no means its least important one. The opportunity to form new acquaintances to revive old ones, to give and receive hospitality, is both pleasant and profitable. The evening entertainments, and the collations provided on the excursions to visit the City Institutions and the Government Hospitals gave excellent opportunities to extend acquaintance and cultivate good feeling. Entertainments were given by Mayor GUNTHER, Drs. ANDERSON, SMITH, PARKER, CLARK, BUCK, TAYLOR, LINDLEY and BUDD, in New York, and Dr. SQUIBB, in Brooklyn.

It is a very singular fact that the newspaper press of New York took scarcely any notice of this meeting of the profession of the United States, except where in one or two instances they thought they could make political capital out of something that was said or done. It was with the utmost difficulty that many of the delegates on their arrival in New York could find where the meeting was to be held, as the newspapers neglected to announce it, and the hotel-keepers had heard nothing of such a meeting.

The merest outline, and that a very imperfect one, of the proceedings, was published in one or two papers. It was noticable that full notes of the proceedings of a State convention of irregular practitioners in session at the same time, were published in nearly all the papers. It is possible that adequate notice of the meeting and of its general character and importance had not been given in time to enable the reporters to make their arrangements to do justice to so important a convocation of the medical profession of the country. The medical profession has, however, long since learned that they have little favor to expect of the newspaper press whose influence, with few exceptions, is exerted in favor of irregular practitioners and quackery in all its forms.

We feel assured that all who had the pleasure of being present at the sessions of the Association left New York with pleasant memories of their sojourn there, and of the hospitality of the profession, and that they will all look forward to the next reunion in Boston with the hope that they will be there.

The Medical Corps.

The bill to increase the efficiency of the medical corps of the army, which passed the House this week, provides that the medical directors of the armies, or of two or more corps, shall have the rank and pay of colonels of cavalry, and that medical directors of army corps and departments shall have the rank and pay of lieutenant-colonels of cavalry. The bill also provides that at least two-thirds of the medical officers assigned to these positions shall be from volunteer corps. This increase of rank and pay is to continue only during the time such assignment lasts.

Army and Navy News.

Instructions concerning Prisoners.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *June* 14, 1864.

[Circular Letter.]

The following extracts from a circular, issued by the Commissary General of Prisoners, are published for the information of all Medical Officers concerned:

OFFICE OF COMMISSARY GENERAL OF PRISONERS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *April* 20, 1864.

[Circular.]

III.—The hospital will be under the immediate charge of the senior medical officer present, who will be held responsible to the commanding officer for its good order and the proper treatment of the sick. *A fund for this hospital will be created* as for other hospitals. It will be kept separate from the fund of the hospital for the troops, and will be expended for the objects specified, and in the manner prescribed in paragraph 1212, Revised Regulations for the Army in 1863, except that the requisition of the medical officer in charge, and the bill of purchase, before payment, shall be approved by the commanding officer. When this "fund" is sufficiently large, it may be expended also for shirts and drawers for the sick, the expense of washing clothes, articles for policing purposes, and all articles and objects indispensably necessary to promote the sanitary condition of the hospital.

IV.—Surgeons in charge of hospitals where there are Prisoners of war will make to the Commissary General of Prisoners, through the commanding officer, semi-monthly reports of deaths, giving names, rank, regiment, and company; date and place of capture; date and cause of death; place of interment, and No. of grave. Effects of deceased prisoners will be taken possession of by the commanding officer, the money and valuables to be reported to this office, (see note on blank reports,) the clothing of any value to be given to such prisoners as require it. Money left by deceased prisoners, or accruing from the sale of their effects, will be placed in the Prison Fund.

The ration for issue to prisoners will be composed as follows:

Pork, or Bacon	10 oz.	(in lieu of Fresh Beef.)
Fresh Beef	14 do.	
Flour, or Soft Bread	16 do.	
Hard Bread	14 do.	(in lieu of Flour, or Soft Bread.)
Corn Meal	16 do.	(in lieu of Flour or Bread.)
Beans, or Peas	12½ lbs.	to 100 rations.
Or Rice, or Hominy	8 do.	to 100 rations.
Soap	4 do.	to 100 rations.
Vinegar	3 qts.	to 100 rations.
Salt	3¾ lbs.	to 100 rations.
Potatoes	15 do.	to 100 rations.

Sugar and coffee, or tea, will be issued only to the sick or wounded, on the recommendation of the surgeon in charge, at the rate of twelve (12) pounds of sugar; five (5) pounds of ground or seven (7) pounds of green coffee, or one (1) pound of

tea to the one hundred rations. This part of the ration will be allowed only for every other day.

The difference between the ration as above established, and the ration allowed by law to soldiers of the U. S. Army, constitutes the "savings" from which is formed the "Prison Fund."

VIII.—The Prison Fund is a credit with the subsistence department, and, at the request of Commissary General of Prisoners, may be transferred by the Commissary General of subsistence in manner prescribed by existing regulations for the transfer of hospital fund.

XVI.—When prisoners are seriously ill, their nearest relatives, being loyal, may be permitted to make them short visits; but under no other circumstances will visitors be admitted without the authority of the Commissary General of Prisoners. At those places where the guard is inside the inclosure, persons having official business to transact with the commander or other officer will be admitted for such purposes, but will not be allowed to have any communication with prisoners.

By order of the Acting Surgeon General.

C. H. Crane, Surgeon, U. S. A.

Instructions concerning Deserters.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., *June* 13, 1854.

[Circular Letter.]

To facilitate the arrest of deserters from U. S. A. General Hospitals, the Surgeon in charge, as soon as a desertion is ascertained, will report the fact direct, (and with a copy of descriptive list,) to the Provost Marshal of the District in which the hospital is located, and to such other Provost Marshals as might be of immediate aid in making the arrest.

This in addition to the regular reports of deserters sent to the Provost Marshal General's Bureau.

By order of the Acting Surgeon General.

C. H. Crane, Surgeon, U. S. A.

Identification of Deceased Soldiers.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S DEPARTMENT,
KNOXVILLE, TENN., *June* 1, 1864.

[Circular Letter.]

Upon the death of a soldier in this Military Department—whether in hospital or in the field—the Chaplain, wherever one is on duty, and in all other cases the Surgeon, is instructed, whenever practicable, to cause the *name, rank, company, regiment, age, date and cause of death, last place of residence*, and any other items deemed of importance relating to the deceased, to be legibly written upon white paper, with ink, and to place this record in a bottle, to be well corked, and deposited in the coffin, at the foot of the body, before burial.

JOSIAH CURTIS,
Surgeon, U. S. V., Acting Med. Director.

Discharges, Dismissals, &c.

Surgeon Arad Parks, 33d Iowa Vols., honorably discharged, having tendered his resignation on account of physical disability.

Surgeon M. R. Gage, 25th Wisconsin Vols., honorably discharged, for the same cause.

Ass't Surgeon Walter B. Morrison, 3d Michigan Vols., honorably mustered out, having tendered his resignation, on account of the expiration of the term of service of his regiment.

Hospital Steward Joseph Ashdale, U S. A., dishonorably discharged for incompetency, resulting from intemperate habits.

Resignations.

Surgeon F. G. Snelling, U. S. V., to take effect June 11, 1864.

Appointments.

Dr. George P. De Grassie, of New Jersey, to be Ass't Surgeon of Volunteers, from June 7, 1864.

Edward Voelkner, Crane Brush and Francis W. McEvoy, of New York, Edward Von Wyck, of Maryland, John Black and James Graham, of Pennsylvania, C. L. De Ville Neuve, of New Hampshire, Gustavus Bubenzer and Henry Kruger, U. S. V., to be Hospital Stewards, U. S. A.

Orders.

The following named Medical Officers are relieved from duty in their present stations, and will report in person without delay to Ass't Surgeon General R. C Wood, at Louisville, Ky.—Surgeons J. H. Grove, N. F. Marsh and J. G. Hatchitt, U. S. Vols.

Surgeon Ebenezer Swift, U. S. A., is relieved from duty in the Dep't of the South, and will report to the Commanding General, Dep't of the Northwest, to relieve Surgeon Thomas M. Getty, U. S. A., as Medical Director.

Surgeon Getty, on being relieved, will report to the Commanding General, Dep't of the East, for assignment to duty.

Surgeon S. W. Gross, U. S. V., is relieved from duty in the Dep't of the South, and will report to the Commanding General, Dep't of the Susquehanna.

Assignments.

Hospital Chaplain W. F. Talbot, U. S. A., to the Dep't of the South.

Surgeon D. A. Morse, 162d Ohio National Guards, to report to Ass't Surgeon General Wood, U. S. A., for duty with the Army under command of Major General Sherman.

Surgeon R. A. Christian, U. S. V., as Surgeon in charge, General Hospital, Turner's Lane, Philadelphia, Pa.

Surgeon F. Wolf, U. S. V., to General Hospitals of 2d Corps, White House, Va.

Surgeon W. O. McDonald, U S. V., to Depot Hospitals, White House, Va.

Surgeon H. A. Martin, U. S. V., as Superintendent of Operative Surgery, of Hospitals and of transportation of sick and wounded of 2d Corps, Army of the Potomac.

Ass't Surgeon J. S. Ely, U. S. V., to Hospitals of 6th Corps, White House, Va.

Ass't Surgeon T. R. Pooley, U. S. V., to Depot Hospitals, White House, Va.

Acting Ass't Surgeon J. H. Coover, U. S. A., to General Hospital, Annapolis, Md.

Acting Ass't Surgeon J. J. Cockrill, U. S. A., to General Hospital, Patterson Park, Baltimore, Md.

Surgeon G. S. Palmer, U. S. V., as Surgeon in charge, Division No. 2, General Hospital, Annapolis, Md.

Medical Cadet R. Lautenbach, U. S. A., to General Hospital, Patterson Park, Baltimore, Md.

Ass't Surgeon G. B. Parker, U. S. V., to Camp Parole Hospital, Annapolis, Md.

Surgeon G. M. Kellogg, U. S. V., as Medical Director, General Crook's command, Dep't of West Virginia.

Surgeon W. D. Stewart, U. S. V., as Medical Director, General Sigel's command, Dep't of West Virginia.

Surgeon W. H. Gobrecht, U. S. V., as Surgeon in charge, Officers' Hospital. Fairmount, near Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ass't Surgeon W. W. Wythes, U. S. V., as Executive Officer, Asylum Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn.

Surgeon A. L. Cox, U. S V., as Surgeon in charge, General Field Hospital, Kingston, Ga.

Ass't Surgeon M. C. Woodworth, U. S. V., as Surgeon in charge, General Field Hospital, Resaca, Ga.

Surgeon George F. French, U. S. V., to duty establishing General Hospitals, Rome, Ga.

Surgeon S. E. Fuller, U. S. V., Surgeon in charge, General Hospital, No. 14, Nashville, Tenn.

Surgeon R. D. Lynde, U. S. V., as Surgeon in Chief, 3d Division, 4th Corps, Army of the Cumberland.

Surgeon Adam Hammer, U. S. V., as Surgeon in charge, Marine Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Ass't Surgeon J. A. White, U. S. V., to Camp Distribution, New Orleans, La

Ass't Surgeon J. W. Applegate, U. S. V., as Surgeon in charge, General Hospital No. 4, Beaufort, S. C.

Miscellaneous.

The Barracks at Camp Parole, Annapolis, Md., will be turned over to the Medical Department, for temporary occupation by slightly wounded officers and enlisted men. Colonel A R. Root, 94th New York Vols., will continue in command, and organize the troops arriving there, in such a manner that Military discipline, correctness of records, and prompt return to duty can be secured

To complete his record, Charles Brackett is mustered into service as Ass't Surgeon, 9th Illinois Cavalry, to date February 1, 1862.

A Board consisting of the following named officers assembled in Washington on the 15th day of June, 1864, to examine into, and report upon Prof. E. N. Horsford's investigations relative to the Army Marching Ration:—Colonel Charles Thomas, Ass't Quarter Master General, U. S. A., Lieut. Col. J. M. Cuyler, Medical Director, U. S. A., Lieut. Col. Augustus C. Hamlin, Medical Inspector, U. S A., Lieut. Col. M. D. L. Simpson, Ass't Com. Gen'l Subs., U. S. A., Lieut. Col. George Bell, Com. Subs., U. S. A., Capt. G. A. Pierce, Com. Subs. of Volunteers. The junior member will act as recorder.

Hospital Steward O. P. Wharton, U. S. A., has been reduced to the ranks for drunkenness, and will be sent under guard to Newport Barracks, Ky., and delivered to the Superintendent Regimental Recruiting Service, 13th U. S. Infantry for assignment to that regiment.

A Board to consist of Surgeon Charles McDougall, U. S. A., Surgeon General W. J. Dale, of Mass., and Capt. E. E. Camp, Ass't Quartermaster, U. S A., will meet at Worcester, Mass., on the 22d June, 1864, to procure a lease of the site and buildings, and prepare plans and estimates of all necessary additions and alterations fo the conversion of the Eclectic College at that place into a Gen ral Hospital of one thousand beds.

So much of General Orders No. 211, series of 1862, from the War Dep't, as dismissed Surgeon Ferris Jacobs, U. S. V., has been revoked, and his resignation is accepted from December 22, 1862.

Surgeon N. R. Derby, U. S. V., is sick at Jefferson Hospital, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Dr. M. L. G., Mich.—The price of the first six volumes of the Reporter is $12. Send by draft or express. We will send the volumes by mail or express, and prepay.

Dr. E. H., Ohio.—A plastic operation would give your patient the most satisfactory false nose. We can order you one made here if you will send us a plaster cast to build it on—but it would not be likely to give satisfaction.

Dr. H. L. C., Ohio.—If we understand you correctly, there is no permanent deformity of the ankle joint, but simply a laxity of its ligamentous and tendinous surroundings, which may be remedied by an apparatus adjusted to the ordinary shoe. If you will send a shoe by express, (one partially worn, will be the best) we will have an apparatus adjusted and return it. Be sure, however, that you have not a case of varus, and that tenotomy is not the remedy.

OBITUARIES.

Dr. Edward F. Corson.

On the afternoon of June 22d, at the residence of his father, Dr. Edward F. Corson, Surgeon, U. S. N., son of Dr. Hiram Corson.

Dr. Corson entered the Navy in May, 1859, and was ordered to China and Japan in the U. S. Steamer Hartford, (flag ship,) where he remained until the winter of 1861. He was ordered to the Naval Asylum in this city, where he remained for a short time, and then, applying for orders for sea, was ordered to the Mohican After an absence of 18 months in the hot climates and a cruise of 40,000 miles, the vessel returned to this port without the loss of a man by sickness. Dr. Corson was born in Montgomery County, Pa., October 14, 1834, and was a gentleman of high talents and cheerful disposition and beloved by all who knew him.

Gen. James St. C. Morton.

Killed in action before Petersburg, Va., on Friday, June 17, Gen. James St. C. Morton, United States Volunteers, Major of Engineers, U. S. A., Chief Engineer 9th Army Corps.

Gen. Morton was a son of the late learned and respected Dr. Samuel George Morton, and brother of Dr. Thomas George Morton, of this city. He was a Major in the regular service, but held the rank of Brigadier General of Volunteers. He was respected and beloved as an officer, and in his death the country has met with a severe loss.

MARRIED.

Evans—Chaddack.—May 18th, by Rev. W. C. Neely, Dr J. P. Evans, of Urichsville, Tuscarawas County, Ohio, and Miss Therza J. Chaddack, of Carroll County, Ohio.

Hyatt—Hoffman.—At Sing Sing, N. Y., on Thursday, June 9th, by Rev. M. M. Wells, Lieut. Charles C. Hyatt, U. S. A., and Kate C., daughter of A. K. Hoffman, M. D.

Palmer—Rogers.—On the 9th instant, by Rev. L. L. Briggs and Rev. E. H. Chapin, D. D., B Frank Palmer, Surgeon Artist, and Julia, daughter of C. H. Rogers, all of Philadelphia

Rockwell—Mowe.—On Thursday, June 16th, at Christ Church, Eastport, by the Rt. Rev. George H. Burgess, D. D., Bishop of Maine, Dr. W. H. Rockwell, Jr., of Brattleboro, Vt., and Nellie E., daughter of Robert Mowe, Jr., Esq., of Eastport.

Weaver—Fulton.—On the 25th of April, by the Rev. Louis Newman, Dr. Charles H. Weaver, United States Army, and Bella, daughter of Wm. H. Fulton, Esq., of this city.

DIED.

Comly.—On sixth-day afternoon, the 17th instant, Annie P., daughter of Dr. Isaac and Elizabeth P. Comly, in the 15th year of her age.

Dade.—On the 2d instant, at St. Paul, Minn., Dr. F. Townsend Dade, in the 29th year of his age.

METEOROLOGY.

June	13,	14,	15,	16,	17,	18,	19.
Wind	N. W.	W.	W.	N. W.	N. E.	E.	S. W.
Weather	Clear.	Clear.	Clear.	Clear.	Clear.	Clear.	Clear.
Depth Rain							
Thermometer							
Minimum	46°	59°	52°	58°	61°	57°	58°
At 8 A. M.	59	63	65	68	75	67	69
At 12 M.	68	73	74	80	84	74	78
At 3 P. M.	73	73	75	83	85	80	79
Mean	61.2	67.0	66.2	72.1	76.1	69 2	71.0
Barometer.							
At 12 M.	30.2	30.2	30.0	29.9	30.1	30.2	30.1

Germantown, Pa. B. J. Leedom.

MORTALITY.

	Philadelphia. Week ending June 18.	New York. Week ending June 20.	Baltimore. Week ending June 20.	Boston. Week ending June 18.	Providence. Month of June 3.
Popl'n, (estimated.)	620,000	1,000,000	240,000	180,000	52,000
Mortality.					
Male	..	243	51	43	43
Female	...	239	51	45	46
Adults	124	174	30	43	43
Under 15 years	112	240	69	41	41
Under 2 years	71	152	48	34*	28
Total	232	426	102	88	89
Deaths in 100,000	37.41	42.60	42.50	48.88	175.15
American	...	271	...	62	75
Foreign	...	155	...	26	14
Negro	...	...	18	1	2
Zymotic Diseases.					
Cholera, Asiatic	...	...	...	...	...
Cholera Infantum	6	15	1	1	...
Cholera Morbus	1	...	1	1	...
Croup	5	11	2	2	3
Diarrhœa	6	16	1	1	..
Diphtheria	4	16	4	4	5
Dysentery	1	5	...	...	...
Erysipelas	4	4	1	1	3
Fever, Intermittent	...	1	...	...	...
Fever, Remittent	...	1	1	1	..
Fever, Scarlet	2	10	1	1	14
Fever, Typhoid	6	17	3	3	2
Fever, Typhus	5	4	...	...	1
Fever, Yellow	...	...	...	...	...
Hooping-cough	...	9	...	...	3
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	1	4	3	3	1
Small Pox	2	4	3	3	...
Syphilis	...	...	1	1	...
Thrush	...	...	...	...	...
Sporadic Diseases					
Albuminuria	...	5	...	...	...
Apoplexy	1	8	...	3	2
Consumption	35	58	12	16	13
Convulsions	11	22	1	2	1
Dropsy	8	5	2	...	...
Gun-shot Wounds	...	...	...	...	...
Intemperance	...	4	1	...	...
Marasmus	11	27	...	2	1
Pleurisy	...	1	...	...	1
Pneumonia	4	24	3	2	6
Puerperal Fever	...	...	...	...	...
Scrofula		...	...	...	...
Violence and Acc'ts	7	27	2	...	2

* Under 5 years.

WANTED.

Subscribers having any of the following numbers to spare, will confer a favor, and likewise be credited on their running subscriptions, with such as they may return us.

Vols. I, II, III & IV. All the numbers.
Vol. V. No. 1, Oct. 6, '60; No. 19, Feb. 9, '61.
" VI. Nos. 18, 19, Aug. 3, 10, '61.
" VII. Nos. 1, 2, 6, Oct. 5, 12, Nov. 9, '61; Nos. 10 to 12, Dec. 7, '61, to March 8, '63.
" VIII. Nos. 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 30, Sept. 6, '62.
" IX. Nos. 6, 7, 8, 13 & 14, 17 & 18, Nov. 8, 15, 22, '62, Dec. 27, '62 & Jan. 3, '63, Jan. 24 & 31, '63.
" XI. Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11, 21, Jan. 2, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 13, March 12, May 21, '64.